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SUBJECT: PRODUCT OPPORTUNITY - AMC/JEEP T.O.

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES FEEDBACK CONTAINED REFTEL. ALTHOUGH WE UNABLE TO EXPLAIN DISCREPANCY IN INFORMATION CONCERNING ORDER FOR TWO WAGONEERS, WE ARE SURPRISED AT AMC/JEEP INQUIRY ABOUT LEFT-OR-RIGHT-HAND DRIVE. VEHICLES IN MAURITANIA ARE LEFT-HAND DRIVE. WE WOULD HAVE HOPED THAT ANY AMERICAN VEHICLE MANUFACTURER WHICH IS REALLY INTERESTED IN MAURITANIAN MARKET IS AWARE OF THIS FACT. AMC/JEEP IGNORANCE OF LOCAL MARKET SITUATION IS SYMPTOMATIC OF COMPANY'S APPROACH TO SELLING VEHICLES IN MAURITANIA. IN VIEW OF AMC/JEEP'S APPARENT LACK OF INTEREST IN MARKET AND QUESTIONABLE COMPETENCE IN SELLING VEHICLES IN MAURITANIA, SUGGEST DEPARTMENT URGENTLY INTEREST ANOTHER US MANUFACTURER OF 4-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES IN THIS XCELLENT MARKET OPPORTUNITY FOR US PRODUCT.

2. AT SAME TIME, EMB OFF WILL INFORM LOCAL JEEP AGENT THAT LETTER IS ENROUTE EXPLAINING AMC/JEEP HAS NO RECORD OF ORDER FOR TWO WAGONEERS AND THAT LETTER OF CREDIT NECESSARY BEFORE COMPANY ABLE TO RESPOND. HANDY SIDE

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